

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended): ~~A method~~ **Method** for the production of plastic skins by powder sintering, ~~in which powder is comprising:~~

applying a powder applied to a forming tool, and

sintering said powder to form ~~where it forms a plastic skin by sintering,~~

wherein

a partial area of ~~said the~~ forming tool ~~is being made inaccessible to~~ for the powder by means of a sealing device, ~~at least in a first pulverisation step, characterised in that~~

said the forming tool has a separating web along an edge of ~~said the~~ partial area, and

said sealing device is ~~in that~~ a mask having an inflatable sealing edge ~~serves as a sealing device,~~ said the mask abutting with ~~said the~~ sealing edge against ~~said the~~ separating web during ~~a the first pulverization pulverisation~~ step and being secured solely to ~~said the~~ forming tool.

2. (Currently Amended): ~~A Production~~ method according to claim 1, wherein said characterised in that the first pulverization pulverisation step is followed by at least one additional pulverization pulverisation step, ~~preferably to produce a plastics material layer which is of a different colour from a first plastics material layer produced in the first pulverisation step,~~ ~~the and said mask is being removed for~~ said the additional pulverization pulverisation step.

3. (Currently Amended): ~~A Production~~ method according to Claim 1, wherein said characterised in that the separating web is undercut and thus forms a groove which is open towards the partial area and in which the sealing edge comes to rest during the first pulverization pulverisation step.

4. (Currently Amended): ~~A Production~~ method according to Claim 1, wherein

characterised in that the at least a surface of said forming tool consists of nickel, ~~at least at a surface which receives the plastic skin being produced~~ is made of nickel.

5. (Currently Amended): A Production method according to Claim 1, wherein said characterised in that the sealing edge of the mask is made of ~~consists of~~ silicon or a duroplastic elastomer.

6. (Currently Amended): A Production method according to Claim 1, wherein said characterised in that the plastic skin is provided with areas of differing graining due to the different graining of a surface receiving the plastic skin being produced, inside and outside the partial area.

7. (Currently Amended): A Production method according to Claim 1, wherein characterised in that, due to a three-dimensional contour of a surface of the forming tool receiving the plastic skin during the powder sintering ~~process~~, said plastic skin obtains a correspondingly three-dimensional contour, and ~~possibly due to a three-dimensional course of the separating web, on the plastic skin~~ a separating line having a correspondingly three-dimensional course is produced on the plastic skin between surface areas of differing ~~color~~ colour and/or graining.

8. (Currently Amended): A sintering ~~Sintering~~ tool for producing plastic skins by powder sintering, comprising:

~~which has a forming tool with a surface for receiving a plastic skin, being produced and which has a sealing device for separating a partial area of said the surface,~~  
characterised in that the forming tool having ~~has~~ a separating web on said the surface along an edge of said the partial area, and ~~in that~~

the sealing device is ~~designed as~~ a mask having a preferably inflatable sealing edge, which is to be secured to said the surface in such a way that the partial area is covered by the mask and the sealing edge abuts against the separating web.

9. (Currently Amended): ~~A sintering~~ **Sintering** tool according to claim 8, wherein ~~characterised in that~~, when the mask is secured to the surface, the mask it is solely secured to the forming tool.

10. (Currently Amended): ~~A sintering~~ **Sintering** tool according to Claim 8, wherein ~~said characterised in that~~ the separating web is undercut and forms a groove which is open towards the partial area and in which the mask, when secured, abuts with the sealing edge against the separating web.

11. (Currently Amended): ~~A sintering~~ **Sintering** tool according to Claim 8, wherein ~~said characterised in that~~ the forming tool has a shell with a wall thickness of between 2 mm and 6 mm, ~~preferably between 2 mm and 4 mm~~, for receiving the plastic skin being produced.

12. (Currently Amended): ~~A sintering~~ **Sintering** tool according to Claim 8, wherein ~~said characterised in that~~ the forming tool is double-walled for guiding a ~~preferably~~ liquid heating medium and/or coolant in a cavity between two walls.

13. (Currently Amended): ~~A sintering~~ **Sintering** tool according to Claim 8, wherein ~~said tool characterised in that~~ it has at least one powder box on which the forming tool may be placed, the sintering tool being ~~preferably~~ mounted so as to be rotatable about a horizontal axis.

14. (Currently Amended): ~~A sintering~~ **Sintering** tool according to Claim 8, herein ~~characterised in that the~~ at least a surface of said forming tool ~~consists of nickel, at least at a surface is made of nickel.~~

15. (Currently Amended): ~~A sintering~~ **Sintering** tool according to Claim 8, wherein ~~said characterised in that~~ the sealing edge of the mask is made of ~~consists of~~ silicon or a duroplastic elastomer.

16. (Currently Amended): A sintering ~~Sintering~~ tool according to Claim 8, wherein said ~~characterised in that~~ the mask has a thickness of between 1 mm and 6 mm, preferably ~~between 2 mm and 4 mm~~ and/or the sealing edge, when inflated, has a thickness of between 5 mm and 20 mm, preferably ~~between 10 mm and 15 mm~~.

17. (Currently Amended): A sintering ~~Sintering~~ tool according to Claim 8, wherein said ~~characterised in that~~ the separating web has a height of between 2 mm and 7 mm, preferably ~~between 3 mm and 5 mm~~ and/or a width of between 1 mm and 6 mm, preferably ~~between 2 mm and 4 mm~~.

18. (Currently Amended): A sintering ~~Sintering~~ tool according to Claim 10, wherein said ~~characterised in that~~ the groove has a depth of between 0.2 mm and 2 mm, preferably ~~between 0.3 mm and 1 mm~~.

19. (Currently Amended): A sintering ~~Sintering~~ tool according to Claim 8, wherein said ~~characterised in that~~ the surface has differing graining inside and outside the partial area.

20. (Currently Amended): A sintering ~~Sintering~~ tool according to Claim 8, wherein said ~~characterised in that~~ the surface has a three-dimensional contour.

21. (Currently Amended): A sintering ~~Sintering~~ tool according to Claim 8, wherein said ~~characterised in that~~ the separating web has a three-dimensional course.

22. (Currently Amended): A plastic ~~Plastic~~ part which has on one surface a plastic skin produced by ~~means of a production~~ the method according to Claim 1, wherein said ~~the~~ plastic skin has ~~preferably having~~ inside at least one area a surface of a different colour and/or different graining and at least one plastics material layer less than outside this area.

23. (Currently Amended): A plastic ~~Plastic~~ part according to claim 22, wherein said

~~characterised in that the plastic skin is back-foamed, preferably with polyurethane, the plastic part having in a particularly preferred manner a support which is foamed round or on.~~

24. (Currently Amended): A plastic ~~Plastic~~ part according to claim 22, characterised ~~wherein said~~ ~~characterised in that the~~ plastic skin is back-sprayed, preferably with a back-spraying compound containing polypropylene.